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1. At a meeting held in the Tungshan (東山) District of Canton, presided over by YEH Chien-ying, and attended by about 20 important Chinese Communists and Soviet advisers, the following were discussed:

   a. Plans for increasing the amount of military supplies and equipment to be sent to the Viet Minh forces.

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   b. Plans for the occupation of the Paracels* and the establishment of a military base there for a Chinese Communist invasion of the Philippines.

2. Directly after the conference the following occurred:

   a. Eight Chinese Communist naval boats, 11 landing craft, and about 200 motor junks left the mouth of the Pearl River and headed for Yulin and Ch'angchiang (108-45, 19-16), where they are awaiting instructions from Chinese Communist authorities.

   b. Marine elements under WANG Hsien-chun (王憲俊) were alerted for embarkation.

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* [ ] Comment. [ ] reported that a number of vessels headed south from Whampoa as of 11 November were rumored to be on their way to occupy the Paracel Islands.

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[ ] Comment. [ ] reported that Soviet advisers had advocated the establishment of a Chinese Communist marine base in the Paracels.

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